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INFORMATION CIRCULAR

To: Members of the staff

From: The Under-Secretary-General for Administration and Management

Subject: HOST COUNTRY TRAVEL REGULATIONS*

1. The Secretary-General has received from the United States Mission to the United Nations a note verbale dated 24 September 1992 advising the United Nations of the removal of all restrictions on travel in the United States by staff members of Georgian nationality.

2. The Secretary-General, in his reply of 1 October 1992, welcomed this decision by the host country. The Secretary-General expressed his understanding that this measure would also be applicable to family members of staff members concerned. However, since travel restrictions continued to remain in force with respect to staff members of certain other nationalities, the Secretary-General reiterated his well-known position of principle concerning the restrictive and discriminating treatment of United Nations staff solely on the basis of their nationality.

3. Copies of the two notes verbales are set out in annexes I and II to the present circular.

4. The existing arrangements for official travel will remain unchanged and will be made in the usual manner.

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Annex I

NOTE VERBALE DATED 24 SEPTEMBER 1992 FROM THE UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The United States Mission to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to inform the Secretary-General of changes in procedural requirements for travel in the United States by members of the Permanent Mission of Georgia to the United Nations and Georgian nationals at the United Nations.

Travel in the United States by members of the Permanent Mission of Georgia to the United Nations will not be restricted. This applies to Georgian nationals at the United Nations Secretariat.

Annex II

NOTE VERBALE DATED 1 OCTOBER 1992 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED TO THE UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS

The Secretary-General presents his compliments to the United States Mission to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the latter's note verbale of 24 September 1992 informing the United Nations of changes in procedural requirements for travel in the United States by members of the Permanent Mission of Georgia to the United Nations and Georgian nationals at the United Nations Secretariat.

It is noted that travel in the United States by members of the Permanent Mission of Georgia as well as by Georgian nationals at the United Nations Secretariat "will not be restricted". The Secretary-General understands that this measure will also be applicable to family members of the above-referenced individuals.

The Secretary-General welcomes this decision by the United States. However, in view of the fact that travel restrictions continue to be in force with respect to staff members of certain other nationalities, the Secretary-General is obliged to reiterate his well-known position of principle concerning the restrictive and discriminatory treatment of United Nations staff solely on the basis of their nationality. In this connection, the Secretary-General wishes to express the hope that all remaining travel restrictions will be removed by the host country as soon as possible.

The existing arrangements regarding official travel by United Nations personnel in the United States remain unchanged and will be made in the usual manner.